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ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP RECOGNIZES OLDER AMERICAN MONTH, PROMOTES AT4AII.com WEBSITE

In recognition of May as Older Americans Month, the Assistive Technology Partnership is promoting the use of assistive technology to help Nebraskans live independently.

Individuals are encouraged to visit the website AT4All.com — a free service — where they may search for the equipment they need and advertise equipment they no longer need.

"Older adults may experience gradual changes in hearing, memory, vision, and mobility. Many times, these changes create the need to do everyday things a little differently. For instance, some people walk with the aid of a cane, others enjoy a movie using an assistive listening device or read the newspaper with a lighted magnifier," said Barbara Schultz, coordinator for AT4All.com website.

Recycled items and equipment for individuals of all ages are available for loan on a temporary basis through the website.

Assistive Technology Partnership staff will demonstrate some of the latest equipment that can assist individuals with vision and hearing loss during the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired conference at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, May 5-6. Items on display will include amplified and large button telephones and magnification systems.

Additional information is available at AT4All.com or by calling 888.806.6287 toll free.